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OKINAWA

1. SUMMARY. GOJ OFFICIALS AND OKINAWAN POLITICAL CIRCLES
ASSUME THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER LOWER HOUSE ELECTION
WITHIN 1-2 YEARS AND SEE REAL POSSIBILITY FOR FIRST TIME
OF LDP LOSING CONTROL OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.
2. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SENIOR GOJ OFFICIALS AND KEY
OKINAWAN POLITICAL LEADERS, WE FIND COMMON ASSUMPTION,
WHICH THEY SAY IS PREVALENT IN POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE,
THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER LOWER HOUSE ELECTION WITHIN
1-2 YEARS.

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3. BY WAY OF EXPLAINING COURTESY CALL ON CONSUL GENERAL
DEC 17, JSP DIETMAN UEHARA REMARKED THAT STAGE HAS NOW BEEN
REACHED IN WHICH JSP WILL BE HAVING CLOSER
CONTACTS WITH US
HERE ON OUT. UEHARA EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OPPOSITION
PARTIES WOULD COME TO POWER IN JAPAN BEFORE LONG. HE PREDICTED
NEW LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD 1 YEAR FROM NOW OR AT
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LATEST BY SPRING OF 1978.

4. MOST SENIOR GOJ OFFICIAL ON OKINAWA, KODAMA, HEAD OF GOJ
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT OFFICE, REMARKED TO CONSUL GENERAL
THAT JAPAN HAS NOW ENTERED PERIOD IN WHICH LDP FOR FIRST
TIME IS IN REAL DANGER OF LOSING CONTROL OF NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT. HE FORESAW GREAT DIFFICULTIES IF NOT LEGISLATIVE

PARALYSIS IF LDP LOSES UPPER HOUSE ELECTION NEXT SUMMER.
(IN THIS REGARD, ALL OUR CONTACTS AGREE THAT LDP HAS ONLY
OUTSIDE CHANCE OF RETAINING UPPER HOUSE SEAT FROM OKINAWA.)
KODAMA PREDICTED THAT WHETHER OR NOT LDP REMAINS IN POWER
WILL HINGE ON SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF NEXT PRIME MINISTER
IN BRINGING ABOUT JAPANESE NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY
EITHER THROUGH HIS OWN PERSONAL EFFORTS OR THROUGH DEVELOPMENTS
ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE.
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